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From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Fri 8/7/2015 8:03:38 PM
Subject: FW: Gold King pics
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FYI

From: Lewis, Brent [mailto:b1lewis@blm.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 1:21 PM
To: Wharton, Steve
Subject: Fwd: Gold King pics

A few photos I received.

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From: Johnson, Helen Mary <h50johns@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 6, 2015 at 5:15 PM
Subject: Gold King pics
To: Brent Lewis <b1lewis@blm.gov>
Cc: Connie Clementson <cclementson@blm.gov>

A friend sent these to me so I am sharing.

Brent probably knows this but I will pass on what I have heard -

It was not a bulkhead failure. There is no bulkhead in the mine. There was a blockage and mine pool behind it which EPA contractors were attempting to remove. They had a plan for draining and treating the mine pool, but something went wrong.



Helen Mary

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Brent Lewis

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